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OF THE

MUSKINGUM

Baptist Association,

Held with the Falls of Licking Church,

MUSKINGUM COUNTY, OHIO,

August 21st, 22d and 23d, 1868.

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Post Office Address of Ministers.

Thomas Harper, Lexington, Perry County, Ohio.
John Crabtree, Fallsburg, Licking County, Ohio.
Cephas McLelland, Jacksontown, Licking County, Ohio.
Samuel Meredith, Linville, Licking County, Ohio.
John J. Van Horn, Gratiot, Licking County, Ohio.
Samuel Moody, Deavertown, Morgan County, Ohio.
Reuben Skinner, Pike, Perry County, Ohio.
John Parker, Ewing, Hocking County, Ohio.
Abraham Stevens, Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio.
Samuel Carpenter, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.
Alexander Teal, Cumberland, Guernsey County, Ohio.
James Janeway, McConnelsville, Morgan County, Ohio.
S. C. Smith, Winchester, Preble County, Ohio.
Asa Ellis, Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio.
E. Stephens, Florence, Boone County, Kentucky.
David G. Barker, Ilesboro, Hocking County, Ohio.
John Byrnside, Upper Falls of Cole, Kanawha Co., W. Va.
Samuel Williams, Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio.
Ephraim Barker, Hopewell, Muskingum County, Ohio.
Peter Ogan, Cumberland, Guernsey County, Ohio.
Wm. Butler, Clerk, West Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio.
John Bolin, Agent Watts & Rippon's Hymn Book, Hopewell, Muskingum County, Ohio.

PREACHING ON THE STAND.

Friday Afternoon. Louis Kagy, Gal. III., 13. John Byrnside, St. John III., 7.

Saturday. Elder Thomas Harper, 1 Cor. XIII., 13. Elder David G. Barker, Math. XI., 5–6. Elder Louis Kagy, Psalms XL, 1–3. Elder John Byrnside, 1st John III., 9.

Sunday. Elder Samuel Carpenter, Isaiah VI., 1–5. Elder John Parker, St Luke, XII., 1–7. Elder John Byrnside, Romans III., 24.

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According to appointment last year, the introductory Sermon was preached by ELDER SAMUEL CARPENTER, from 2d Cor. v: 1–4.

The letters from the several Churches were called for by the former Clerk and read, and the Messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Churches & Messengers.	Ministers and Times of Holding Meetings.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Money for Corresponding Mes'ger, Min's and Clerk.
FALLS OF LICKING, MUSKINGUM CO.									
John Crabtree	Jno Crabtree, 2d Lord's day.								
Robert J. Smith,									
Wm. Butler	Wm. Butler, 1st Lord's day.				1			57	$5 05
HOPEWELL, PERRY CO.									
John Forsythe	John Parker, 1st Lord's day.								
John Barker								29	4 00
FRIENDSHIP, LICKING CO.									
Jeremiah Grove	Benjamin Lampton, 3d Lord's day in every other month.								
Joseph B. Sutton									
Samuel Meredith		1					1	56	2 35
UNION, PERRY CO.	George N. Tusing, 4th Lord's day.								
Samuel Buriff							1	17	2 00
LANCASTER, FAIRFIELD COUNTY.	Samuel Carpenter, every Lord's day.								
Samuel Carpenter			1					31	2 00
LEXINGTON, PERRY CO.	John J. Vanhorn, 4th Lord's day.								
Thomas Harper		4					2	28	4 00
TIMBER RUN, MUSKINGUM COUNTY.									
Eli Bolin	John J. Vanhorn, 3d Lord's day.								
George Burley		1					1	22	3 50
John Burley									
BETHEL, NOBLE CO.									
Adam Jordan	David G. Barker, 4th Lord's day.								
John Gill					1		1	27	4 05
Robert H. Downey									
BEULAH, MUSKINGUM CO									
Johnson Fink	J. Pritchard & D. Scofield, 1st Lord's day, month about.								
Samuel Francis									
Wm. T. Brookover								27	2 15
UNIONTOWN, MUSKINGUM COUNTY.	John J. Vanhorn, 2d Lord's day.								
James W. Melick								15	2 05
YORK, MORGAN CO.									
Lazelier Burley	Louis Kagy, 2d Lord's day.								
Wm. Newlan				1				13	1 75

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ZOAR, MUSKINGUM CO.									
John N. Clapper.....	D. G. Barker & John J. Vanhorn, 1st Lord's day, month about.								
David Woodruff.....									
Louis French.....								23	$2 00
MT. OLIVE, MORGAN CO.									
James Janeway..	Louis Kagy, 1st Lord's day.								
John Croy.....		4		1				17	1 10
SCOTT'S CREEK, HOCKING COUNTY.									
John Parker.....	John Parker, 2d Lord's day.								
David G. Barker.....		3	2		2		1	69	4 20
E. C. Harsh.....									
GOSHEN, MUSKINGUM CO.									
Tho's Umphry	J. Pritchard, 2d Lord's day.								
Edward Hickman.....		2		4				37	2 10
HARMONY, PERRY CO.									
Not heard from.....	As last year.							10	1 40
ENON, GUERNSEY CO.	Ephraim Barker, 3d Lord's day.								
Isaac Beal.....		1			1		1	15	1 10
PLEASANT HILL, LICKING COUNTY.									
James Holmes.....	J. Pritchard & John J. Vanhorn, alternately 1st Lord's day.								
John Bilby.....									
Richard Meek.....		2						37	2 45
MT. HOPE, MONROE CO.									
Not heard from.....	When last heard from.							23	
JONATHAN'S CREEK, LICKING CO.									
Ephraim Barker.....	John Parker & Daniel Scofield, alternately, 4th Lord's day.								
John Winegardner.....									
Tho's Ewers.....		2	2		2			35	3 00
EBENEZER, JACKSON CO.	David G. Barker, 1st Lord's day.								
Letter, but no messenger								13	55
MONDAY CREEK, PERRY COUNTY.									
Samuel Croy	Reuben Skinner, 1st Lord's day.								
Samuel Rugg.....		1	2					19	2 50
Total.....		21	7	6	7	0	8	620	$51 80

Adjourned to 1¼ o'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Byrnssde.

1st. The former Moderator being absent, Elder Samuel Carpenter was chosen Moderator *pro tem.*

2d. After calling the Messengers' names the Association organized for the present session by choosing Elder Samuel Carpenter Moderator and Wm Butler Clerk.

3d. The Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum were read.

4th. Elders Thomas Harper, John Crabtree and Ephraim Barker, were appointed a Committee of arrangement. The Messengers of the Falls of Licking Church were appointed a committee to arrange the preaching on the stand. John Forsythe, Eli Bolin and Elder David G. Barker were appointed a committee to receive and distribute the funds.

5th. Newly constituted churches called for.

6th. Correspondence from Sister Associations called for.

Miami.—By minutes.

Scioto—By Louis Kagy and minutes.

Sandusky.—Not heard from.

Walhonding.—By Horatio Purdy and minutes.

Pocatalico.—By minutes.

7th. The circular letter written by Bro. John Burley, and the corresponding letter written by Bro. James Melick, were presented, read and referred to the Committee of Arrangement.

8th. Correspondence to Sister Associations.

Miami.—Wm. Butler.

Scioto.—Elder John Crabtree.

Sandusky.—Elder John J. Vanhorn.

Walhonding.—Elder Ephraim Barker.

Pocatalico.—Elder David G. Barker.

9th. Elder John Crabtree to write the circular and Elder David G. Barker to write the corresponding letter for next year.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Harper.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 10 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Parker.

1st. The Messengers' names were called.

2d. The Committee of Arrangements reported the minutes of last year as the order of business. The report was adopted.

3d. The circular and corresponding letters were adopted.

4th. Visitation meetings arranged.

Falls of Licking. Fifth Lord's Day in May, Elders Harper and Kagy to attend at the lower house.

Friendship. Fifth Lord's Day in November, Elders Parker and Ephraim Barker to attend.

Union. Fourth Lord's Day in October, Elders Ephraim Barker and Butler to attend.

Timber Run. Third Lord's Day in October. Elders Harper and David G. Barker to attend.

Bethel. Fourth Lord's Day in September, Elder Ephraim Barker to attend.

Beulah. First Lord's Day in December, Elder Parker to attend.

Uniontown. Second Lord's day in September, Elder Ephraim Barker to attend.

York. Fourth Lord's Day in June, Elders Parker and David G. Barker to attend.

Zoar. Third Lord's Day in October, Elder Butler to attend.

Mt. Olive. Second Lord's Day in June, Elders Ephraim Barker and Crabtree to attend.

Goshen. Second Lord's Day in September, Elder Vanhorn to attend.

Enon. Third Lord's Day in October, Elder Vanhorn to attend.

Pleasant Hill. Fourth Lord's Day in November, Elders Carpenter and Butler to attend.

Monday Creek. First Lord's Day in December, Elders Meredith and Ephraim Barker to attend.

All the above meetings to commence on the Saturday preceding the Lord's Day mentioned, at 11 o'clock.

5th. The next Association to be held with the Falls of Licking Church, at the Lower Meeting House, six miles from Zanesville, on the Frazeysburg road, to commence on Wednesday, before the fourth Lord's Day in August, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., and that Elder John Parker preach the introductory sermon and in case of failure Elder John Crabtree.

6th. The agent of Watts & Rippon's Hymn Book made his report. The report was received and Bro. John Bolin continued agent.

7th. Elder John Crabtree is appointed to visit the Mt. Hope Church on the Saturday preceding the fourth Lord's Day in September, inquire into her condition and report at our next session.

The Committee on Funds report $51.80, appropriated as follows: minutes, $21.75; clerk, $5; correspondence—D. G. Barker, $4.95; J. J. Vanhorn, $8.80; W. Butler, $8.30; E. Barker, $3.50.

The committee to arrange the preaching on the stand report Elders Carpenter, Parker and Byrnside to preach to-morrow.

Adjourned to the time and place above named. Praise and prayer by Elder Crabtree.

SAMUEL CARPENTER, Moderator.

WM. BUTLER, Clerk.

Corresponding Letter.

The Muskingum Baptist Association to the several Associations with whom she corresponds.

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD:

By the grace of God we have been permitted to meet together in brotherly love in council. Our hearts are made glad by the coming of your messengers, by sitting together in heavenly places, by hearing the Gospel preached, by prayer and supplication, and by singing hymns of praise and thanksgiving to God.

Dear brethren, pray for us that we may be strengthened by Divine grace, that we may have our fruit unto holiness, and in the end everlasting life. We desire a continuation of your correspondence. We hope to meet you at our next Association. Farewell.

Circular Letter.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Through the tender mercies of a merciful God we have been permitted to meet, according to our appointment, as an Association. As it is customary to address you by way of a Circular Letter on some subject pertaining to the children of God we have chosen the subject of Christian Fellowship.

Christian, Christianity and Christian nations have become familiar appellations to us in our day; it becomes us to examine the origin of the above names. We find in Acts 11: 26, "Paul and Barnabas assembled with the church at Antioch a whole year, and taught much people, and the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch." We infer that a disciple is one who adheres and subscribes to the teaching and doctrine of a leader. In the above appellation we have a glorious Leader, one who is able to reveal Himself unto us through the operation of the Spirit.

"Only Thou our leader be
And we still will follow Thee."

We read in Acts, 4th chapter, "Peter and John were arraigned for preaching through Jesus Christ the resurrection from the dead. And it came to pass that they delivered a discourse on the subject of salvation. Now, when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled, and took knowledge that they had been with Jesus." The word Christian cannot be properly applied but to those only who have been taught in the school of Christ and have been operated upon by His spirit, and have been made to feel the exceeding sinfulness of sin and its consequences, and have been made acquainted with the plague of their own heart; no remedy can give relief to such an one but the revelation of Jesus as their Saviour. All things are delivered unto Me of my Father and no man knoweth the Son but the Father neither knoweth any man the Father save the Son and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him, Math. 11: 27. Hence they rejoice if they are worthy to be called Christians and are willing to be his disciples. Such we will address on the subject of Fellowship.

Having been operated upon by the same spirit it is to be presumed there is a union and love such as the natural man knoweth nothing of. We read in Acts, second chapter, "On the day of Pentecost, after the discourse of Peter, then they that gladly received the word were baptized and they continued steadfast in the Apostle's doctrine and Fellowship and in breaking of bread and prayer. We may inquire what was the Apostles' doctrine? Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Jesus sayeth, "I am the way, the truth and the life." That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you that ye also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. John 1st, 3.

Fellowship should be cultivated by the members of Christ as the Church is compared to a body which has many members. It is necessary that in order for the body to be in a healthy condition the members should protect and care for each other. Christian Fellowship is very important to our enjoyment. In a church capacity it should be highly esteemed and not set at naught for trifling causes. We should bear each other's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. In order to cultivate our fellowship we should relate our experience to each other, and when that tender chord is touched love and union is the consequence. In this body or church our old nature has no place, but it is brought into subjection to our spirit which is love. By this we may know we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. This passage has given great consolation to doubting Christians. We may be approached by the tempter, that our love is natural as we all have our preferences as natural men. But the Apostle says in 1st Thes., 4th and 9th, " But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you, for you yourselves are taught of God to love one another."

The love here spoken of does not grow in nature's garden but is of the same species as its author. God is love and we love him, because he first loved us. It will always be a matter of astonishment to the Christian that God loved us when we were enemies to Him and gave His Son to die for us—the just for the unjust—to bring us to God. Therefore, we ought to take encouragement in all our difficulties and dark seasons being that God cares for us and will never leave nor forsake us through all the meanderings of this mortal life.

Now, unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.